

(1) The weight or volume of the sample is equivalent to the composite weight or volume required for a multiple container sample;

(2) The sample is a composite of samples taken from all parts of the batch; and

(3) The sterility test method prescribed for the drug by the regulations in this chapter is "Bacterial membrane filter method" described in § 436.20(e)(1) of this chapter.

**§ 431.10 Certification.**

(a) If it appears to the Commissioner, after such investigation as he considers necessary, that:

(1) The information (including results of tests and assays) and samples required by or pursuant to the regulations in this chapter have been submitted, and the request for certification contains no untrue statement of a material fact; and

(2) The batch complies with the regulations in this chapter and conforms to the applicable standards of identity, strength, quality, and purity prescribed by the regulations in this chapter;

the Commissioner shall certify that such batch is safe and efficacious for use, subject to such conditions on the effectiveness of certificates as are prescribed by § 431.11 and shall issue to the person who requested it a certificate to that effect.

(b) If the Commissioner determines, after such investigation as he considers to be necessary, that the information submitted pursuant to the regulations in this chapter, or the batch covered by such request, does not comply with the requirements set forth in paragraph (a) of this section for the issuance of a certificate, the Commissioner shall refuse to certify such batch and shall give notice thereof to the person who requested certification, stating his reasons for refusal.

(c) All statements, samples, and other information and materials submitted in connection with a request for certification shall be considered to be part of such request.

(d) Compliance of a drug with the standards of identity, strength, quality, and purity prescribed by regulations in this chapter shall be deter-

mined by the tests and methods of assay prescribed for such drug by regulations issued under this chapter.

(e) The regulations in this chapter, prescribing tests and methods of assay for antibiotic and antibiotic-containing drugs, shall not be construed as preventing the Commissioner from using any other test or method of assay in his investigations to determine whether or not:

(1) A request for certification contains any untrue statement of a material fact; or

(2) A certification has been obtained through fraud, or through misrepresentation or concealment of a material fact.

(f) Except as specifically provided by the regulations in this chapter, no provision of any regulation shall be construed as exempting any certifiable antibiotic drug from any applicable provision of the act or any regulation thereunder.

**§ 431.11 Conditions on the effectiveness of certificates.**

(a) A certificate shall not become effective:

(1) If it is obtained through fraud or through misrepresentation or concealment of a material fact;

(2) With respect to any package unless it complies with the packaging requirements, if any, prescribed by the regulations in this chapter which were in effect on the date of the certificate;

(3) With respect to any package unless its label and labeling bear all words, statements, and other information required by the regulations in this chapter; or

(4) With respect to any package of a certifiable antibiotic drug subject to the regulations in this chapter, when it is included in a packaged combination with another drug, unless such other drug complies with the requirements of the regulations in this chapter.

(b) A certificate shall cease to be effective:

(1) With respect to any immediate container after the expiration date, if any, prescribed by the regulations in this chapter;

(2) With respect to any immediate container when it or its seal (if the regulations in this chapter require it to be

sealed) is broken, or when its label or labeling is altered, mutilated, destroyed, obliterated, or removed in whole or in part, or ceases to conform to any labeling requirement prescribed by the regulations in this chapter, except that:

(i) If the drug in such container is repacked or used as an ingredient in the manufacture of another drug, and certification of the batch thus made is requested, such certificate shall continue to be effective for a reasonable time to permit certification or destruction of such batch;

(ii) If the drug is in a container packaged for dispensing and is used in compounding a prescription issued by a practitioner licensed by law to administer such drug, such certificate shall continue to be effective for a reasonable time to permit the delivery of the drug compounded on such prescription; or

(iii) If its label or labeling is removed in whole or in part for the purpose of relabeling and supplemental certification of the relabeled drug is requested, as provided by § 433.12 of this chapter.

(3) With respect to any immediate container of penicillin when it is included in the packaged combination penicillin with aluminum hydroxide gel or penicillin with a vasoconstrictor, or to any immediate container of bacitracin when it is included in the packaged combination bacitracin with a vasoconstrictor, except that when certification of the batch so included is requested, such certificate shall continue to be effective for a reasonable time to permit certification of such batch which is part of such combination;

(4) With respect to any package when the drug therein fails to meet the standards of identity, strength, quality, and purity which were in effect on the date of the certificate; except that those minor changes which occur before the expiration date and which are normal and unavoidable in good storage and distribution practice shall be disregarded.

(5) With respect to any package of a certifiable antibiotic drug subject to the regulations in this chapter, included in a packaged combination with another drug, when such other drug

fails to meet the requirements of the regulations in this chapter; or

(6) With respect to any immediate container, if such regulations require its labeling to bear a caution against dispensing otherwise than on prescription, at the beginning of the act of dispensing or offering to dispense it otherwise than:

(i) By a practitioner licensed by law to administer such drug; or

(ii) On his prescription issued in his professional practice.

**§ 431.12 Certification of antibiotic drugs after shipment in bulk containers.**

(a) The Food and Drug Administration has received inquiries from certain interested manufacturers concerning their shipment of certified antibiotics, packaged in bulk containers, to hospitals and pharmacies for repacking or for use in the manufacture of another drug on the order or prescription of a physician. The regulations promulgated under section 507 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 357) do not prohibit the shipment of certified bulk containers of antibiotics to such persons. However, under the provisions of § 431.11(b)(2)(i), certification should be requested of each repacked batch and of each batch of another drug manufactured from such bulk drug, unless the repackaged drug or other drug has been made exempt from the certification requirements by regulation. The fact that the drug is to be repacked or manufactured on the order or prescription of a physician does not exempt it from the certification requirements of the act. Under the provisions of § 431.11(b)(2)(ii), it is only when the drug used to compound a prescription is in a container packaged for dispensing that certification of the drug so compounded is not required.

(b) In the light of these provisions, unless the manufacturer and shipper of bulk containers of antibiotics has, with the consignee, an effective permit issued under § 433.16 of this chapter, if the drug is to be repacked, or under § 433.13 of this chapter if it is to be used in the manufacture of another drug, the shipper has the responsibility of seeing that certification is requested of